

OHIO MATTERS

A photograph of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce building facade, featuring large windows, American flags, and the text "OHIO CHAMBER" in large letters. The image is framed by a thick orange border.

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As the state's leading business advocate and resource, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce aggressively champions free enterprise, economic competitiveness and growth **for the benefit of all Ohioans.**



Welcome to the New, Digital Ohio Matters

In an effort to be more conscious of our environmental footprint and fiscal responsibility to our members, we've decided to transition our Ohio Matters magazine to an all-online digital version.

You'll still be able to access all the past Ohio Matters magazines on our website at OhioChamber.com.

SAFE AND RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR ECONOMY

Rich Winning
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One of the most fundamental tasks of government is to ensure that people and goods can move safely and efficiently. Indeed, that task is at the heart of the Ohio Department of Transportation's mission statement: to provide the safe and easy movement of people and goods from place to place. The Department takes this mission seriously, which is why we have embarked on a comprehensive, 18 month study to identify stable and reliable funding for our transportation network for generations to come.

The gas tax is a highway user fee and represents the largest funding source for transportation projects in Ohio. However, as vehicles become more fuel efficient and electric vehicles more prevalent, drivers are using less fuel, and therefore paying less in gas tax. This, in turn, results in less revenue that Ohio can use to maintain and repair our state's transportation infrastructure. While reducing our

reliance on fossil fuels is good for our environment, this decrease in funding has not led to a decrease in the demands placed on our system.

In 2019, the Ohio Legislature took a step to address this chronic funding shortfall by enacting an increase in the gas tax, which helped alleviate—but not eliminate—the shortfall. While the gas tax increase is helpful, the Department knows this does not solve the long-term problem. Trends both in Ohio and nationally point to increased demand for fuel efficient and electric vehicles. Fuel consumption in Ohio is expected to fall about 40% through 2040 due to the improved fuel efficiency of the vehicle fleet. This will continue to erode the effectiveness of the fuel tax to provide sufficient funding for our transportation system. Ohio must look at alternative funding mechanisms that move us away from our reliance on fuel and provide stable and reliable funding well into the future.

To study reliable alternatives, in 2021, the Ohio Department of Transportation received a federal Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives (STSFA) program grant to study revenue alternatives. Ohio is using this federal grant to study the feasibility of one or more alternative revenue systems in Ohio and to

recommend next steps.

In March, the Department took the first step in this process by forming an external advisory committee, whose purpose is to aid the Department in evaluating various alternative funding mechanisms. The committee is comprised of 18 members, representing a broad range of interests, from business to agriculture to transit to rural communities, and more. The common thread among all these organizations is that they all rely on a safe and efficient transportation network to fulfill their missions. The members are providing critical feedback throughout the study, on the principles that must underlie a future funding system.

To date, the Department has facilitated three meetings. The information presented has been comprehensive, providing committee members with a substantial amount of data and analysis with which to make recommendations. The meetings have discussed a range of topics, including a broad review of the economic needs of the different regions of the state, a comprehensive review of alternative revenue mechanisms other states are using, as well as an opportunity to evaluate how we talk to the public about our transportation system and funding.

This public engagement plan is at the heart of this study. No effort to stabilize revenues for our transportation system will be

successful unless we explain to the public the importance of our transportation network, but also why the current funding model is unsustainable. That is why a robust public education plan is being developed as part of this project. This outreach effort will include public surveys and focus groups conducted around the state to gather feedback from Ohio citizens about their perceptions of transportation funding and the transportation needs of the state. These surveys and focus groups, which will be completed by late fall, will inform the future work and recommendations the committee will make regarding sustainable funding sources. After completion of the public engagement plan, the committee will reconvene early next year to evaluate the alternative revenue mechanisms and provide a recommendation on how to move forward.

Regardless of background, every Ohioan relies on a safe and efficient transportation system to go about our daily lives: to get to work, go to the grocery store, go to critical doctor appointments, see family, and more. We at the Ohio Department of Transportation are committed to our mission of providing a safe and efficient transportation network for every citizen. This project offers a path to identify and build support for reliable funding for this most critical of assets. We look forward to continuing this conversation with you. 📍



UPCOMING OHIO CHAMBER EVENTS

AWS Workforce Summit

July 21, 2022 - The Ohio State University Fawcett Center

The Ohio Workforce Summit presented by AWS will focus on the technical and innovative opportunities available for Ohio's workforce. The event will be a series of collaborative and impactful conversations led by state government policymakers, career and technical vocation advocates and key members of the Ohio business community to drive concrete policy solutions that benefit the entirety of Ohio workforce to make the state the definitive leader in workforce development policy.

Impact Ohio Post-Primary

August 4, 2022 - The Ohio Chamber of Commerce

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce we purchased the Impact Ohio events business in February of 2022. The Impact Ohio Post Primary Election Conference will be held every two years immediately following the primary election. Plan to join us for the second part of our post-primary opportunity to hear from those directly involved in the 2022 campaigns and coverage. It is the place to be after the election.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

September 14, 2022 - Sheraton at Capitol Square

This year the Chamber will be hosting an event to focus on diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace. We will hear from a keynote speaker and several panelists on their experience and expertise in this topic. A networking reception will conclude this half-day event.

Estate Planning

October 6, 2022 - Outerbelt Brewery

In conjunction with the Fairfield County Bar Association, the Ohio Chamber is hosting an estate planning seminar. The goal of the seminar will be to empower attorneys who are counseling business owners on best practices for tax and financial planning. CLE and CPE credits are pending for this event.

Ohio's Energy Supply Chain: Present & Future

October 27, 2022 - Ohio Statehouse Atrium

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce will be holding an energy event focusing on "Ohio's Energy Supply Chain: Present & Future". During the event we will hear from several panels focused on Ohio's business energy production to how technology is shaping the future of energy.

Impact Ohio Post-General

November 10, 2022 - Columbus Convention Center

The Impact Ohio Post General Conference offers the first post-election opportunity to hear directly from those who will shape Ohio's policy and political agenda for the upcoming biennium.

Healthcare Transformation Summit

November 30, 2022 - Sheraton at Capitol Square

The summit will bring together stakeholders across the healthcare industry to discuss current challenges, successes and innovations for tomorrow that will transform healthcare services to create a system that is less costly and produces better outcomes for Ohioans.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: PERSEVERING AMID UNCERTAINTY

Rick Carfagna
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As the Ohio General Assembly drew to a close in the midnight hour on June 1, so did our weary Government Affairs team which held vigil across the street at the Ohio Chamber's office. The evening marked the wildly successful kickoff of our "Cocktails and Commerce" event, a nighttime spin on our traditional "Coffee and Commerce" morning events held to connect Chamber members, state legislators, and legislative staff. The marathon House and Senate sessions that evening also concluded – likely until after the November 8th general election – a peculiar half-year of legislative activity frequently interrupted by uncertainty over legislative district maps and primary election dates.

Thankfully, the Ohio Chamber's Government Affairs team was thrilled to claim victory for Ohio's business community on five bills sent to Governor DeWine in the first six months of 2022, coupled with five priority measures previously enacted in the last half of 2021. The legislative wins for 2022 include:

- **House Bill 447** – a measure to clarify and codify when work-from-home injuries are compensable under Ohio's Workers' Compensation system.
- **House Bill 175** – legislation that revises the Ohio EPA's definition of, and regulatory authority over, ephemeral streams that strikes an equitable balance between environmental stewardship and eliminating unnecessary red tape for economic development.
- **House Bill 126** – a bill that makes major revisions and restrictions to the abused practice of third-party challenges to real property values established by local county auditors.
- **Senate Bill 47** – an important change to Ohio's overtime statute that clarifies when "de minimis" amounts of time may be disregarded when calculating overtime pay.

- **Senate Bill 9** – a critical measure that both reduces and curtails the implementation of state agency rules and regulations that limit economic growth and increase compliance burdens.

Making Sense of Redistricting

As you may be aware, the current two-year General Assembly also coincides with the state and federal redistricting efforts that occur every 10 years when population shifts are noted via the census. Unfortunately, the implementation of what were expected to be smoother, fairer redistricting processes (previously approved by Ohio voters as a constitutional amendment) was anything but. In a series of five Ohio Supreme Court rulings, assorted versions of proposed state and federal legislative maps were rejected with the same 4-3 breakdown of justices. Through a 2-1 federal district court decision, the "third" versions of state legislative maps were implemented despite being rejected by the Ohio Supreme Court as unconstitutional.

This messy ordeal resulted in a bifurcated primary election, with statewide candidates appearing on the original May 3 ballot while legislative and State Central Committee candidates are delayed until an August 2 election. It remains to be seen how the multiple rewrites of districts, which created havoc and uncertainty among incumbents, candidates and especially voters, will impact races in August. According to the Ohio Secretary of State's office, voter turnout for the May 3 primary was 20.88 percent, meaning of nearly 8 million registered voters, just over 1.6 million cast a vote. These already dismal numbers are likely to decline significantly for the August 2 races, which could spell trouble for incumbents and create even more storylines heading into both the November General Election and lame duck legislative agenda.

Summer Advocacy

The Ohio Chamber has recently updated its candidate questionnaire and supplied it to all legislative candidates seeking consideration for endorsements and/or Ohio Chamber PAC financial support. Additionally, Chamber staff and members have conducted numerous interviews with existing legislators and new candidates and will

continue them over the summer to identify champions for business interests and those who align with Chamber priorities.

The summer and autumn months may be a grind for those on the campaign trail, but they are also perfect opportunities for our Chamber members to engage with elected officials. Our Government Affairs team has two ways to connect Chamber members with either Ohio House or Ohio Senate legislators. First, through the generous and voluntary financial contributions of our members and staff, we will be traveling the state to attend numerous campaign events and award Ohio Chamber PAC donations. From golf outings to evening receptions, if you have an interest in accompanying our team, please contact us and we would love to have you join us.

Second, with legislators back home in their districts reconnecting with constituents, it's a chance for us to coordinate site visits or local meetings between our Chamber members and elected leaders. If you have a facility or office that you're willing to host for a tour or policy discussion, our team stands ready to facilitate a meeting. In-district meetings are consistently the best way for the business community to resonate with policymakers, showcase operations and directly illustrate their contributions to the local economy through their goods and services, area employment and philanthropic gestures.

Mark Your Calendars!

In addition to our numerous convening events throughout the year, be sure to mark your calendars for a handful of key political gatherings we are hosting in the coming months:

- **Impact Ohio Post Primary Event** – Thursday, August 4, 9am-noon, Ohio Chamber of Commerce (34 S Third St., Suite 100 Columbus, OH 43215) – come hear from those directly involved in the 2022 Ohio House and Senate campaigns as they spotlight both Republican and Democratic candidates to watch for in the fall.
- **Ohio Chamber PAC Golf Outing** – Monday, September 26, 10am shotgun start, Bent Tree Golf Club (350 Bent Tree Rd., Sunbury, OH 43074) - with term limits, the Ohio Chamber is committed to shaping the culture at the Ohio Statehouse to

ensure not just business friendly legislators, but ones that are thoughtful, prioritize governing over theatrics, and willing to build consensus. This only happens when we provide candidates with the resources necessary for them to win elections. Join us for a day of laid back fun and food with other Chamber members to help us grow our PAC!

- **Impact Ohio Post General Event** – Thursday, November 10, 8am-4pm, Columbus Convention Center (400 N High St, Columbus, OH 43215) – join us for a breakdown of the General Election outcome and to hear from prominent elected officials as to their upcoming priorities.

The Ohio Chamber Government Affairs team is here to aggressively champion free enterprise, economic competitiveness and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans. We are here to serve you by zealously advocating for our members on a variety of policy matters. If we can be a resource in any way to you or your business, please do not hesitate to contact any of us below. Have a safe and pleasant summer!


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OHIO CHAMBER CONTINUES ITS ADVOCACY EFFORTS BEFORE OHIO COURTS

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Over the past year, the Ohio Chamber has sought to bolster our advocacy efforts before Ohio's courts. This increased emphasis on the judiciary was done in recognition of the impact a civil justice system has on a state's business climate because employers suffer when judges fail to promote stability and predictability. Whether it is through higher operating costs, runaway jury awards, or more frivolous lawsuits, an unpredictable court can wreak havoc on business owners and the state's business climate.

To help stop courts from having a detrimental impact on your business, the Ohio Chamber has filed 13 amicus curiae briefs in courts across Ohio in the past 12 months. An amicus curiae (Latin for "friend of the court") brief provides an opportunity for the Ohio Chamber to discuss why a court should – or shouldn't – rule in a certain way. In our briefs, we tell the court how a particular outcome could harm Ohio businesses, emphasize on how the law should be applied, and illuminate why this is a matter of statewide importance – which is a key factor in the Ohio Supreme Court agreeing to hear a case.

The Ohio Chamber has the unique ability to share why a lawsuit is a matter of statewide significance because we represent the voice of all Ohio businesses regardless of their industry, size or where they are located.

To highlight the Ohio Chamber's advocacy, the following is a summary of select amicus briefs the Ohio Chamber has filed recently and the attorneys and law firms who represented us:

Gibson Bros. v. Oberlin College
Law Firm: Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick
Attorney: Larry Obhof

In the Ohio Chamber's continuous efforts to defend the state's tort reform laws because of their positive impact on our business climate, we filed an amicus brief challenging the calculation of punitive damages awarded by lower courts to

Gibson Bros. The previous courts misapplied the law when they used uncapped non-economic damage awards to determine the punitive damage amount. This miscalculation resulted in a jury award of more than \$33 million.

If left untouched, that excessively high award would harm Ohio business and our civil justice climate because companies would be on the hook for paying unreasonable punitive damage awards, despite an Ohio law that caps how much a plaintiff can receive in non-economic damages and punitive damages.

The Ohio Chamber in our amicus brief urged the Ohio Supreme Court to accept jurisdiction over the case to provide guidance to lower courts on how to properly calculate punitive damages accordance with Ohio law and the legislature's intent. In fact, the brief speaks to how the law was designed to protect businesses from the very type of punitive damage verdict that was awarded in this case.

The outcome of the case is still pending, and we still await a decision from the Ohio Supreme Court as to whether they will accept jurisdiction over the case.

In re Matter of the Application of Firelands Wind
Law Firm: Steptoe & Johnson
Attorneys: Dallas Kratzer III & Rebecca Schrote

As Ohio companies seek to expand their energy generation options, the Ohio Chamber is committed to advancing market based policies that drive an all of the above energy portfolio. In the courts, this means filings amicus briefs when decisions approving new energy generation projects are challenged.

In this instance, the Ohio Power Siting Board had approved a new wind-powered electric generation facility in Huron County. This project can produce nearly one million megawatt hours and is designed to help meet the demands of businesses that are seeking renewable energy goals. Despite the positive economic impacts, some residents near the facility challenged the Siting Board's approval.

At the Ohio Supreme Court, the Ohio Chamber filed an amicus brief in support of the project. The Chamber's brief focused on showing the justices why the Huron County facility serves the public inter-

est – which is a requirement in the Power Siting Board approval process. We argued the facility serves the public interest because there is great demand for renewable energy from businesses locating to Ohio and will help the Buckeye State capitalize on our potential to be a leading renewable energy producer in the Midwest. Likewise, we mention how the project will lead to more than \$170 million in economic outputs including more than one thousand construction jobs that pay over \$62 million in wages.

While a final decision from the court is pending, the briefing stage has recently concluded, so oral arguments could be held later this year.

Jerry Wray, Director of Ohio Dept. of Transportation v. Ice House Ventures
Law Firm: Dinsmore & Shohl
Attorney: Richik Sarkar

Contracts are a fundamental part of any business. Whether it is a contract for the purchase of goods, services, or real estate, businesses rely upon these agreements to set obligations between them and other parties. Reliance on these contracts is essential when operating a company, so businesses suffer when courts are able to re-write contracts or make them unenforceable.

Unfortunately, that is exactly what happened in this lawsuit. Here, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) filed an eminent domain action seeking to take a portion of Ice House Ventures property located in Columbus. After negotiations lasting more than two years, an agreement was reached and submitted to a court to create a settlement order. This settlement order created obligations for ODOT and provided remedies for the business should ODOT not meet its obligations. When ODOT failed to adhere to their obligations, Ice House Ventures sought their remedy and a court found ODOT had breached the contract. However, on appeal, three judges upended settled contract law and found there was "no meeting of the minds" despite ample evidence to the contrary.

To restore stability and prevent future courts from relying on this dubious opinion from the appellate court, the Ohio Chamber filed an amicus brief in

support of Ice House Ventures. In our brief, we discuss how the appellate court's decision could lead to mass confusion amongst business owners and result in contracts having to define the most basic contract terms to adhere to this new "meeting of the minds" standard. We ask the Ohio Supreme Court to overturn the lower court's decision to bring greater predictability to the enforcement of contracts.

The Ohio Supreme Court has accepted jurisdiction in this lawsuit, so we are hopeful they agree with our proposition, and we look forward to their decision. 🏠

Supporting Inclusive Growth

JPMorgan Chase has been a partner in Ohio for more than 150 years. It is not only a place where we do business, it is home to our customers, clients, employees, and community partners. We are using our resources, expertise, and data to help strengthen Ohio's communities and create a more inclusive economy for all. Here's how:

- Growing the local economy
- Supporting small businesses
- Preparing Ohioans for the careers of tomorrow

Doing good in Ohio is good business.

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“A HAND UP” TO OHIO WORKERS

State Representative
Dontavius Jarrells

House Bill 410 in Ohio's 134th General Assembly, which expresses the General Assembly's intent to alleviate benefit cliffs in Ohio and establishes the Actionable Help And New Dignity for Upward Progression act, or “A Hand Up,” is a necessary and winsome step in helping Ohio's workers transition from public assistance to the working world.

Benefit cliffs occur when an individual receiving public assistance experiences an increase in earnings that suddenly no longer qualifies them for that program, leaving many of Ohio's workers behind. There are a large number of workers who are capable and motivated to transition into the workforce. However, the economic hardship of losing public assistance leaves them trapped in a cycle of dependence. Individuals should not experience an abrupt cut-off in benefits when their earnings are increased minorly and sometimes temporarily. Not only do benefit cliffs disincentive individuals to advance their skills and gain more working experience, but they also leave many without the essential economic support they need for themselves and their families while pursuing such opportunities.

That's why State Rep. Gary Click (R-Fremont) and I worked to develop House Bill 410 to support Ohio workers and provide more bridges to opportunity with the creation of ‘A Hand Up.’ There are various public assistance programs that individuals can experience benefit cliffs from, like Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and child care. Our ‘A Hand Up’ legislation would support Ohioans with the resources they need to pay for increased deductibles, co-pays, and childcare premiums. The law would also encourage more investment in programs that help workers increase job skills and marketability, advocate for more flexibility in qualifying for programs, and promote financial literacy. By eliminating obstacles to financial independence, Ohioans receiving public assistance can reach more economical and workplace opportunities.

It's time for Ohio to address the reality benefit cliffs pose on our businesses and constituents. House Bill 410 is an excellent start to building a better Ohio for all of us.



State Rep. Dontavius Jarrells is currently serving in his first term representing Ohio's 25th House District, which includes portions of Columbus, Clinton Township and Mifflin Township.

Growing up in the Hough neighborhood of Cleveland, Jarrells saw firsthand the impact a lack of real investment and opportunity has on a community, and after nearly a decade fighting for disadvantaged and marginalized communities in Central Ohio, Rep. Jarrells is committed to reframing the debate in the Statehouse to focus on growing opportunity for all Ohioans not just those at the top.

Jarrells is prioritizing legislation to raise wages, invest in job training and make it easier for Ohioans, especially those in minority and immigrant communities, to start, grow and sustain a business.

In addition, Rep. Jarrells wants to invest in Ohio's future by expanding early childhood education, improving literacy initiatives, supporting STEM programs for Ohio students, and promoting opportunities in the skilled trades.

A longtime advocate for building better communities, Rep. Jarrells is working together on commonsense legislation to make Ohio a better place to live, work, go to school, start a business or raise a family, including the Ohio Fairness Act, a number of community policing initiatives and measures to improve care and supports for individuals with mental illness and addiction and those experiencing homelessness.

Rep. Jarrells' previously held positions at the Ohio House during the 129th General Assembly, where he assisted in the fight of the anti-union Senate Bill 5. He has also fought to expand health care access in his roles at the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities and Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. In addition, he has served as Political Director for a statewide executive office race and most recently served as Chief of Communications at the Franklin County Treasurer's Office.

Rep. Jarrells graduated from East Technical High School in Cleveland and earned a degree from Hiram College in Northeast Ohio.

UHC HEALTH PLAN PARTICIPANTS HAVE NO-COST HEALTH ENGAGEMENT NURSE RESOURCE



Healthcare is more complex than ever. Where can employees go for support with health goals, health conditions or a better understanding of United Healthcare tools & resources? Fortunately, we have solutions to help!

The Ohio Chamber Health Benefit Program® (“OCHBP”) is tailored specifically for Ohio businesses with 2-50 employees. Members may be able to save up to 25% on self-funded health plans, while giving employers the ability to offer

health plan benefits that rival those of larger companies. This includes lower health care costs and more access to quality health care providers to help meet the needs of your employees. PPO plans offer some of the richest benefits for the most utilized services which include \$15 PCP visits, \$0 kid copay, free virtual visits, and \$25 copays for urgent care visits. Plus, you get access to the UnitedHealth Premium® Program which makes it easier for your employees to find quality care at a lower cost. UnitedHealthcare's Premium designation recognizes select providers who meet 240 measures of quality and cost efficiency.

In partnership with the Ohio Chamber, UHC is providing a dedicated nurse resource to members of the OCHBP at no added cost. Together, we can help you, and your employees, increase health literacy, assist in navigating the health care system, maximize UHC benefits and improve overall health. The goal of this program is to help patients and their families manage their health conditions for optimal clinical outcomes.

The new health engagement nurse, Michele Adams relays “Over the past 30 years I have worked in health care there has been incredible innovation, but also complexity. As a consumer myself, I know it can be overwhelming! Most patients can benefit from what I do to guide them in the right direction to obtain the best care at the lowest out-of-pocket cost.”

A few examples OCHBP plan members can discuss with Michele:

- Lifestyle goals like weight loss, physical activity, and nutrition improvement
- Chronic condition management like diabetes, hypertension, and asthma
- Disease prevention and wellness promotion
- UHC health resource education and referrals

To learn more, contact your health engagement nurse Michele Adams at 614-632-4172 or michele.adams@uhc.com for non-emergent health questions and concerns. All personal health information will be protected in accordance with HIPAA. No personal health information will be shared with your employer.



KEEPING AN EYE ON THE FUTURE OF PAYMENTS

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Application programming interfaces (APIs)

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- **Card-as-a-Service:** Integrate a collection of APIs into your user experience to supply a digital corporate credit card for business purchases and expenses.
- **Virtual Card Payments:** Create and manage virtual card payments for commercial card programs directly from your application without delays of managing and issuing physical cards.
- **Voyager Card Controls, Voyager Drivers, and Voyager Transaction:** Our suite of Voyager APIs provide better visibility into drivers and vehicles, permission expenses, and provide insightful data back to fleet managers.

Our forward-thinking approach to innovating with these digital solutions has U.S. Bank at the head of the industry. To learn more about our APIs visit developer.usbank.com.

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OHIO CHAMBER SPRING EVENT SUCCESSES

This spring was an extremely successful season for events at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

On May 5, we held our first Impact Ohio Post Primary Election Conference at the Columbus Athletic Club after our purchase of Impact Ohio earlier this year. Our attendees enjoyed updates on the outlook for Ohio's general election, Senate and Governor races, and spirited debates. The Ohio Chamber brought together reporters and experts from both parties to inform our members and attendees about the 2022 election cycle and the political climate, as we look towards the second half of the post primary election in August and the general election in November.

We look forward to hosting our next Impact Ohio event at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce office on August 4 to discuss the second half of the 2022 post primary election with the Ohio legislative races.

On May 17 we had the distinct honor of hosting the Chairman and CEO of JPMorgan Chase, Jamie Dimon, in the Rotunda at the Ohio Statehouse for the 2022 State of Business Summit. Our attendees enjoyed a fireside chat with Chamber CEO, Steve Stivers, and Dimon which covered a number of issues including economic growth during COVID, inflation, workforce issues, and the current impact of the war in Ukraine on the economy. The discussion also covered Dimon's thoughts on Intel and how government regulations can impact small business and large corporations.

Dimon also shared his thoughts on JP Morgan's significant investment in the state of Ohio, including more than \$7 million invested in high schools, colleges, and universities to provide workforce training that prepares young Ohioans for better paying jobs and the careers of tomorrow.

Dimon thanked the Ohio Chamber saying he "appreciated the opportunity to join the Ohio Chamber of Commerce to talk about the important issues facing our country and how Ohio can continue to grow and attract business and talent. Ohio is not only an important place where we do business, it is home to our customers, clients, employees and community partners. We are committed to helping create a more inclusive economy for all residents."



SKYNET TECHNOLOGIES ACCELERATES DIGITAL GROWTH BY BECOMING ADOBE BRONZE SOLUTION PARTNER

About Skynet Technologies

Skynet Technologies is an ISO 9001 and ISO 27001 certified digital agency and development company with 20 years of experience in business excellence. We are the leader in digital transformation and specialized in ecommerce development, digital marketing and branding, ADA compliant web accessibility, custom enterprise application development, and CMS with maintenance and support. With headquarters in Amelia (Ohio), they have development and support offices in Las Vegas (Nevada), Gainesville (Florida), Melbourne (Victoria), Jamnagar (Gujarat), and Pune (Maharashtra).

We have become a Google Partner, IBM Registered Business Partner, Amazon Web Services Partner, Silver Microsoft Partner, HubSpot Solution Partner, Pimcore Silver Partner, Bagisto Partner, Aimeos International Ecommerce Expert Partner, and more.

Skynet Technologies is recognized as an Adobe Bronze Solution Partner!

Adobe and Skynet Technologies announced their collaboration under the Adobe solution partner program. This program is designed for companies that are experts in digital marketing and integrated technologies. With more convenient, relevant, and personalized solutions, Skynet Technologies can empower new digital transformations in a co-selling relationship with Adobe.

The collaboration of Adobe and Skynet Technologies will help businesses to get an exceptional user experience in the digital space. Despite all the industry challenges, goals, and targets, this partnership has ended up bringing expertise in distinct digital technologies to develop and market myriad technical solutions for clients. The efficient team of Skynet Technologies and out-of-the-box Adobe Experience Cloud jointly aid businesses to increase the conversion rate by improving customer engagement.

About Adobe Solution Partner Program

Adobe Solution Partner Program is a one-of-a-kind initiative to develop a rich partner ecosystem to inculcate more value in Adobe Cloud Experience and add versatility to their partners' capabilities as well. Skynet Technologies provides Adobe Experience Cloud services to conform with best practices and work through strategic solutions and implementation.

Adobe Experience Cloud is an array of distinct applications and services specially designed for an invincible customer experience. It offers a wide range of experienced cloud products, out of which a few names are Adobe Commerce (Magento), Adobe Experience Manager, Adobe Analytics, Adobe Campaign, and many more. Together, Adobe and its partners provide unmatched quality in digital space.

How does Skynet Technologies accelerate the digital growth for their clientele?

Being a Bronze Solution Partner of Adobe, Skynet Technologies offers businesses a multitude of benefits with the amalgamation of content management and digital assets. With the gamut of Adobe Experience Cloud, businesses get

personalized and gripping solutions. Integration of Adobe Experience Manager with third-party systems such as Marketo and Salesforce can be done easily. Skynet Technologies develops enterprise-level Adobe solutions continuously with a streamlined process and agile development cycle. Skynet Technologies offers services like development, implementation, migration & upgrades, regular maintenance, support, security checks, and recovery for Adobe Experience Manager implementation.

Skynet Technologies has expertise in Adobe Commerce upgrades and migration from any complex structure. Magento development, ecommerce solution architecture, API integrations, multi-tenant SaaS-based solutions, multi-vendor/ multi-channel marketplaces, PIM solutions, performance optimization, omnichannel strategy, ADA compliance and security, maintenance, and support, etc. are the prowess area of Skynet Technologies with Adobe Experience Cloud.

For many enterprise websites, Skynet Technologies helps to apply a data management system (DAM) that delivers a consistent user experience by managing the critical media assets. Adding Adobe Creative Cloud to a business website helps in handling digital assets more efficiently. The cloud acts as a central warehouse that stores and manages all the content of the digital asset on the cloud. Cross-channel customer interaction in one real-time interface is possible with Adobe Customer Journey Analytics. Adobe Audience Manager is capable of handling audience segmentation and providing critical data in real-time with a data management platform.

With Adobe Experience Cloud, Skynet Technologies provides streamlined enterprise-level CMS, omni-channel campaigns, and customer engagement in one cloud-native solution, accurate analytics on customer experience, real-time customer profiles, AI-powered testing, personalization, etc. Distinct Adobe Experience Cloud products are made to offer a quick, accurate and hassle-free digital environment.

Skynet Technologies has a long history of serving solutions with all the latest available technologies. Along with the years of experience on platforms like Magento, Drupal, Aimeos, Laravel Bagisto, Shopify, osCommerce, and many other trending technologies, Adobe Experience Cloud is a crowning stroke for Skynet Technologies.

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OHIO'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY ENDORSES KENNEDY, DEWINE AND FISCHER FOR OHIO SUPREME COURT

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DeWine
OHIO SUPREME COURT

Kennedy
for
Ohio Supreme Court

Re-Elect Supreme Court Justice
Pat Fischer

Ohio's five largest business organizations gathered in June at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce to announce their endorsement of Sharon Kennedy for Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court and Pat DeWine and Pat Fischer for re-election to the Ohio Supreme Court. In attendance was NFIB Ohio PAC, Ohio Business Roundtable PAC, Ohio Chamber of Commerce PAC, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Agriculture for Good Government PAC and the Ohio Manufacturers' Association PAC

Ohio's business community relies on a predictable and consistent Supreme Court, as it allows companies, both small and large, to plan and grow for the future. Justices Kennedy, DeWine, and Fischer are the candidates the business community believes Ohio needs to protect our Supreme Court from judicial activism that leads to unpredictability. If we fail to protect any one of these candidates, Ohio will be in grave danger of damaging its national economic competitiveness.

The 2022 election cycle is shaping up to be a pivotal election here in Ohio. Now, more than ever, the Ohio business community must be engaged and share just how important the Ohio Supreme Court is to the economic environment in Ohio. Predictability matters, and together we will work to reelect Sharon Kennedy, Pat DeWine and Pat Fischer.

"The Ohio Chamber of Commerce fights every day to make Ohio the best state in the country to do business and it is critical that the leaders of our state are doing the same. To attract businesses and talent to Ohio we need a dependable Supreme Court. Justices Pat DeWine, Pat Fischer and Sharon Kennedy have exercised invaluable stable and fair legal judgment, which is why we are proud to support them this election," said Steve Stivers, Ohio Chamber President & CEO. "Despite Ohio's current pro-business majority in the legislature, the wrong Supreme Court justices could be disastrous to the economic climate in our state."

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